

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 4, 6, 7 and 18-32, which are withdrawn from consideration, without prejudice.

Please cancel Claims 1-3, 5 and 8-13, without prejudice to further prosecution.

Please amend the claims as follows:

14. (Amended) ~~The stem cell of Claim 1~~ A pluripotent embryonic-like stem cell, derived from non-embryonic or postnatal animal cells or tissue, capable of self-renewal and capable of
A1 differentiation to cells of endodermal, ectodermal and mesodermal lineages, genetically engineered to express a gene or protein of interest.
